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HOUSE MEMORIAL 52

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A MEMORIAL

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES OVER THE LOSS OF TEXAS STATE
REPRESENTATIVE IRMA RANGEL.**

**WHEREAS, Texas State Representative Irma Rangel passed
away on March 18, 2003 after a long battle with cancer; and**

**WHEREAS, Representative Rangel was the first Mexican-
American woman elected to the Texas state house, in 1976; and**

**WHEREAS, Representative Rangel was a passionate advocate
for the poor, the needy and the underserved; and**

**WHEREAS, when she saw a wrong she would fight it and if
she saw a right she would fight for it; and**

**WHEREAS, Representative Rangel served as chairwoman of the
Texas house higher education committee, and she authored the
Texas state law that required Texas colleges and universities
to automatically admit high school students who graduated in**

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1 the top ten percent of their class; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Rangel graduated from St. Mary's
3 university school of law in San Antonio, Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Rangel closed her private law
5 practice in 1993 to devote herself to the people of Texas'
6 forty-third house district; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Rangel was a role model for
8 Hispanic lawmakers throughout Texas and the southwest; and

9 WHEREAS, her passion for the people she represented should
10 be modeled by all legislators in the United States;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be
13 expressed to the family of Representative Rangel, the Texas
14 house of representatives, the Texas Hispanic caucus and the
15 people of the state of Texas; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the family of Representative Irma Rangel and to
18 the Texas house of representatives.